GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3876
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2001
MOWING DOWN OF ELEPHANTS CROSSING RAILWAY TRACK NEAR DIGBOI, ASSAM
YEMPARALA VENKATESWARA RAO

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that recently 908 passenger train mowed down some elephants, which were crossing the railway track near Digboi, Assam;

(b) if so, the number of elephants killed in the incident; and

(c) the action taken against the officials responsible for the incident ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) : Yes, Sir. On 15.11.2001, 908 Dn Passenger train derailed after dashing with the herd of elephants between Digboi and Tingrai stations of Ledo-Tinsukia-Dibrugarh section, Tinsukia Division of Northeast Frontier Railway.

(b) : Seven elephants were killed in this incident.

(c) : No Railway staff has been held responsible in this incident as it is a case of sudden tress-passing of track by the herd of elephants.